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33. The system of claim 32 wherein said generator causes notifications to be sent to said mobile telephone and said landline telephone substantially simultaneously.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-9 and 11-17, all of the pending claims in this application, have been canceled. In addition, new claims 18 - 33 have been added, and the specification has been amended to correct a minor typographical error.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the curtesy of the Office Interview held on may 3, 2000, with regard to the parent application.

New claims 18 - 33 all recite, among other things, that a single voice mailbox is used to store voice messages for both a mobile phone and a landline phone, and that the messages for the landline phone are transmitted to the voice mailbox though a mobile switching center. The transmission of voice messages for a landline phone to the mailbox though a mobile switching is disclosed in the specification, for example, at page 9, lines 1-10. In addition, new claims 20, 26, and 31 recite that the message waiting indicator is sent to the hub end office via an SDMI link, and the message waiting indicator is sent from the hub end office to the landline telephone trough remote end offices over the Signal System 7 network. This feature is recited in the specification, for example, at page 9, lines 11-22.

Applicants submit that, when taken as a whole, new claims 18 - 33 represent patentable subject matter over the prior art of record. In particular, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the transmission of voice messages for a landline phone to the mailbox though a mobile switching, and the prior art of record does not teach or suggest sending a message waiting indicator to the hub end office via an SDMI

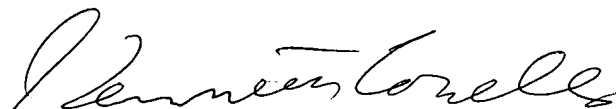
link and from the hub end office to the landline telephone through remote end offices over the Signal System 7 network. For at least the above reason, it is believed that claims 18 - 33 represent patentable subject matter over the prior art of record.

In view of the above, it is believed that all claims remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully solicited. The Office is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4310 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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